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Request for Withdrawal of Appeal

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed August 24, 2004 in the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, as no further issues remain and prosecution on the merits is closed, Applicant hereby withdraws the Notice of Appeal in the above-identified patent application and requests that no decision be rendered in this Appeal.

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